

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Third Hampshire Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2002.

Residents of Third Hampshire Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2002, there were 124,539 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (248) of these admissions resided in the Third Hampshire Representative District.¹ **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY2002, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Third Hampshire Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 68% were male and 32% were female.
- 62% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 80% were white non-Latino, 10% were black non-Latino, 7% were Latino, and 4% were other racial categories.
- 60% were never married, 17% were married, and 23% reported not to be married now.
- 17% of admissions had less than high school education, 39% completed high school, and 44% had more than high school education.
- 27% were employed.
- 4% were homeless.
- 44% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use which is the substance for which the clients seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Third Hampshire Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2002					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	56%	27%	10%	1%	2%
State	45%	37%	6%	4%	3%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

¹ To protect client confidentiality, statistics representing clients under 17 years of age have been omitted from this fact sheet.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug use (IDUs), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2 Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2002							
Third Hampshire Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	243	222	78	34	32	22	18
FY '96	233	209	95	39	34	26	9
FY '97	265	231	111	44	42	30	11
FY '98	257	221	93	29	24	38	19
FY '99	268	229	93	51	32	36	25
FY '00	240	200	71	49	35	51	38
FY '01	269	237	73	31	34	61	42
FY '02	248	210	81	49	36	83	54